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**Bismarck, ND** – On Sunday, November 2, 2003, North Dakota will be 114 years old. It became the 39th state admitted to the union when President Harrison signed the proclamation of admission on November 2, 1889. According to legend, the President first shuffled the respective proclamations for North and South Dakota so it would never be known which state's proclamation he signed first. The first Governor of North Dakota was John Miller whose first duty was to call the legislature into special session on November 19, 1889, for the purpose of electing two U. S. Senators.